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Attorney Docket No. 15966-540 CON S-10  
(CURA-40 CON S-10)



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Richard A. Shimkets  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/991,053 EXAMINER : Robinson, Hope A.  
FILING DATE : November 21, 2001 ART UNIT : 1653  
FOR : NOVEL, NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES ENCODING HUMAN SLIT-,  
MEGF-, AND ROUNDABOUT-LIKE POLYPEPTIDES

Commissioner for Patents  
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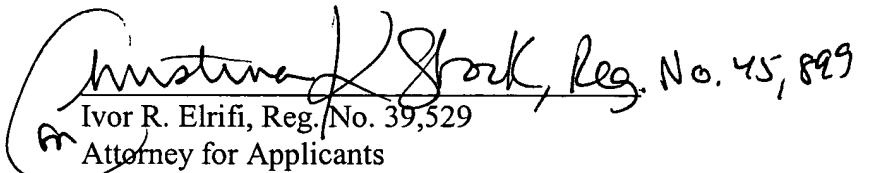
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004 in the above-identified application.

With the extension, the response is due on or before June 29, 2004. A check in the amount of \$210.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-540 CON S-10 (CURA-40 CON S-10). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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